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In the Claims:

- 1.(currently amended) An automatic washing machine detergent dispensing device comprising a detergent bar comprising a detergent composition, a detergent additive, or a detergent composition which includes a detergent additive, said detergent bar disposed within a channel, wherein the detergent bar completely fills at least a portion of the channel across the entire bore of the channel and at least a portion of the detergent bar contacts the channel and is not exposed to the wash liquor, the channel having an inlet aperture which is in communication therewith.
- 2.( currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel has a uniform bore, which along its length or at least along the portion of its length is filled by the detergent bar.
- 3.( previously presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel is a tube.
- 4.(currently amended) A device according to claim 3 ~~claim 4~~ wherein the tube is